


25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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C.I.G. 125 February 1946CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUPSURVEY OF THE FUNCTION OF MONITORING PRESS
AND PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS OF FOREIGN POWERSMemorandum by the Director of Central Intelligence

1. During the war the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) conducted a Foreign Broadcasting Intelligence Service (FBIS) which monitored press and propaganda broadcasts of foreign powers.

2. The FCC was in the process of liquidating this agency when its functions were taken over by the War Department on an interim basis on 30 December 1945. The War Department has requested that the Director of Central Intelligence assume responsibility for the proper disposition of former FBIS functions with a view to determining the most appropriate Government agency to monitor foreign propaganda broadcasts on a continuing basis and make the necessary recommendations to the National Intelligence Authority (Enclosure "B").

3. It appears that this study should be undertaken as a matter of urgency. The Central Intelligence Group is prepared to furnish the steering member of an interdepartmental committee, and believes that such a committee should be organized at once to make the necessary study.

4. Paragraph 3 of N.I.A. Directive No. 1 provides a procedure by which such a committee can be created by unanimous approval of the Director of Central Intelligence and the Intelligence Advisory Board, without reference to the National Intelligence Authority.

5. The memorandum in Enclosure "A" is designed to establish the proposed committee and give it the necessary directive. If all members of the Advisory Board concur in the draft without substantial change, a meeting will not be necessary. It is


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recommended that Enclosure "A" be approved, and that each member of the Advisory Board arrange for necessary implementation by his Department,



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